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QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES

REFS: A. USNATO 1385 (NOTAL); B. STATE 43006

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE.

1. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE EMBASSIES' AND US MILREPS' EFFORTS TO OBTAIN COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES FOR US REINFORCING AIRCRAFT, WE SHARE MISSION'S CONCERN, REF A, ABOUT SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ADD NATO PRESSURE TO ACCELERATE BEDDOWN AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE ALSO SOUGHT NATO ASSENT TO PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR ESSENTIAL NEW FACILITIES FOR US AIRCRAFT AT THESE COLLOCATED BASES.

2. CONCUR WITH MISSION PROPOSAL TO URGE ALLIED COOPERATION ON BASING IN THE DPC. USAFE BRIEFING TO EWG AND MC ON US BASING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SPRING MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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USEFUL. EUCOM WILL BE REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR USAFE

PRESENTATION AND FORWARD IT, INCLUDING GRAPHICS, TO DEFENSE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BEFORE BRIEFING ALLIES.

3. WE FEEL THAT ALLIED MOD'S HAVE CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING OF US BASING NEEDS. REQUEST THAT EMBASSIES AND US ELEMENTS AT AFSOUTH AND AFNORTH CONTACT USNATO IF THEY DESIRE THE BRIEFING FOR NATO CAPITALS OR HEADQUARTERS.

4. FOLLOWING MISSION'S CONSOLIDATION OF RESPONSES TO PARA 3, ABOVE, DEFENSE WILL ASSIGN TASKS FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PROPOSE A SCHEDULE.

5. FOR BONN AND THE HAGUE: REQUEST STATUS OF YOUR REPLY TO REF B.

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